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RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS “Minor Decoy” OPERATION

Riverside, CA – On February 5, 2015, The Riverside Police Departments VICE Unit conducted a “Minor Decoy” operation in the City of Riverside. A minor, under the supervision of Vice officers, enters on-sale establishments and attempts to purchase alcohol from an employee. The minors were directed to show their California driver’s license, California identification card, or tell the employee their age if asked.

The operation focused on ten (10) businesses and was conducted over a five-hour period. Of those, seven (7) locations either checked identification or asked the age of the decoy. The employee properly asked the decoy to leave the establishment without serving them a drink. Three (3) business sold alcohol to a minor. The names of the businesses cited were; Mariscos (3300 block of Mary St.), Boiling Star Crab (10000 block of Magnolia Ave.) and Senor Baja (6000 block of Magnolia). Employees serving alcohol to minors were cited for Business and Professions Code violations.

Adults arrested for furnishing alcohol to minors could face up to a \$500.00 fine, up to 36 months of probation, jail time and/or community service. This project is part of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control’s Grant Assistance Program (GAP), funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

